

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## RECOGNIZING MOH SHARMA AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Moh Sharma for her tireless work for the House Judiciary Committee.

Within the U.S. House of Representatives, Moh is an institution. Prior to serving on the Committee, Moh worked for Representative JUDY CHU of California, the Democratic Caucus under then-Chairman Xavier Becerra, and the House Small Business Committee under then-Ranking Member NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ. In each of those jobs, with kindness and care, Moh made certain that her members were prepared for every hearing, every markup, and every trip to the House floor. She dispensed sage advice along with fact sheets, issue briefs, and summaries of floor activity. There is virtually no Democratic office in the House that has not worked with her on some project, and everyone with whom she has worked walks away impressed by her calm and her expertise.

And, of course, Moh has been a mentor and role model to an entire generation of staffers on Capitol Hill. Over the years, she has served in various leadership positions within the Congressional Asian Pacific American Staff Association, including as its president from 2013 to 2019 and as the founder of its advisory board. A graduate of the City University of New York School of Law, she has also served as president of the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C. and remains on its board today.

Underlying these achievements is a steady commitment to diversity, inclusion, and opportunity for all who would make America their home.

Moh came to the Committee in 2019 to help with, and eventually to direct, our member services operation. As a member of my senior staff and one of the Committee's most trusted advisors, she oversaw our legislative agenda, whipped our markups, and managed our activity on the House floor.

Moh seemed to know where every one of our members could be found at any moment we might need them—no small feat in the COVID-19 era—and managed to cajole more than one of us back into the hearing room for a key moment in a markup. This past Congress, no vote in our hearing room was taken without Moh first accounting for every member of the Committee, and no vote was gavelled closed without a knowing nod from Moh to the Chair.

The quality of her work is evident. I know—from a report that Moh herself compiled—that, in the 117th Congress alone, our Committee marked up more than 100 bills, passed more than 100 bills on the House floor, and sent

over 40 bills to President Biden for his signature. We owe every one of these victories, in no small part, to Moh's patience and persistence.

Moh is not traveling far. She has joined the office of Democratic Leader HAKEEM JEFFRIES, and the Committee's loss is most definitely the Leader's gain.

Nevertheless, we will miss Moh very much. I thank her for her service to the Committee and I look forward, very much, to watching her contribute to the cause for many years to come.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RICHARD WADE CARTER

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Richard Wade Carter of Sherman, Texas. Mr. Carter is survived by his wife Malinda, daughter Melanie Grammar and her husband Don, stepson Jack Hopper and his wife Merry, and his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Richard is preceded by his parents and his brother, Daniel Wayne Carter.

Mr. Carter was born to Roscoe Stanley Carter and Beatrice Jackson Carter in Dallas, Texas, on December 15, 1931. A native of Oak Cliff, Texas, he graduated from Dallas High School. Richard later joined the United States Army in June 1956. Richard was stationed in Korea and Japan during his military service, where his fondness for Asian art and culture grew.

On November 21, 1972, Richard married the love of his life, Malinda Ann Stewman, in Garland, Texas, where they resided for many years. Richard and Malinda enjoyed traveling together and exploring new restaurants, with Mexican cuisine being Richard's favorite. Moreover, he loved fishing, photography, and working with his hands. A lifelong Republican, Richard was a loving husband and father, and celebrated his 50th anniversary with Malinda in November 2022. Richard was a devout churchgoer and a frequent attendee of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Oak Cliff, Texas.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mr. Carter's extraordinary life and devotion to his passions. Richard will be greatly missed by his friends, family, and colleagues.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was unreasonably detained during the roll call vote

for an amendment offered by Mr. Schneider that would prohibit the leasing plan from including the Great Lakes. This amendment would support preserving the status quo that has been in place in the Great Lakes for two decades.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 64.

## HONORING THE MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR WINNING THE 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a special group of Hoosiers who recently made their hometown very proud.

Earlier this month the Mishawaka Cavemen won the 3A state title in wrestling for the fourth time in school history. Their return as state champions was 13 years in the making for the Cavemen. And it wasn't easy.

To take home the title, the Cavemen first had to go through defending champs Columbus East, which they did on their way to an exhilarating 43-31 win. As Head Coach Steven Sandefer said: "You have to wrestle for the guy next to you."

It's the kind of team-first mindset every wrestler embraced wholeheartedly. It's a big part of why they and the Mishawaka community are celebrating. I know it's an attitude that will serve these young men well in their future careers and family lives.

I know one more thing: that approach—of rallying to pick up a teammate when they're down—is something that our country could use a whole lot more of.

Congratulations to Coach Sandefer, his dedicated staff, and all the wrestlers on their big win. Their names are listed below:

The members of the varsity who wrestled in the state finals:

Brody Blevins; Beau Brabender; Christian Chavez; Xavier Chavez; Trey Dunning; Josh Kite; Will Mason; Zander Paden; Chris Peacock; Courtney Rider; Mikey Robles; Gunnar Sandefer; Isaac Valdez; Zar Walker; Caiden Williams; Trevor Wendt.

Managers:

Mia Mason; Rayleigh Dodd; Abbi Holloway; Lilianna Meyers; Lylee-Anah Boyer.

Coaches:

Head Coach Steve Sandefer; Fabian Chavez; Josh Olsen; Yancy Gradeless; Adam Sandefur; Brandon Dillenbeck; Collin Meggison.

God Bless and go Cavemen.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on passage of H.R. 500, the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act (Roll Call No. 94). By allowing registered open-end investment companies to delay the redemption of a security if the request was believed to be the result of financial exploitation, this bill protects American's hard-earned savings. Should this legislation become public law, it will bolster our financial security by preventing abuse of seniors and vulnerable adults.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF DEACON KENNETH JEROME  
GAINES**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Deacon Kenneth Jerome Gaines. Deacon Gaines, known as Kenny to those closest to him, unfortunately passed away on January 15, 2023. Kenny was a loving, caring, and kind-hearted family man. He was married to the love of his life, Cassandra L. Covington, and deeply loved their children April and Gerard.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Kenny was educated in Detroit Public Schools and honorably served his country in the Army. After his service, Kenny went to trade school and took classes in painting, plumbing, and cooking. Kenny eventually started his own business, "Kenny's Car Wash!", which remained his pride and joy until his passing.

Kenny's faith was a fundamental part of his life, including his relationships with the City Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church and the True Faith in God's Temple. Later, he became a member of St. John's Tabernacle, NPC where he served faithfully as a deacon, cook, and a member of the men's choir.

Deacon Gaines remained committed to serving his community throughout his life, including volunteering at the Mathis Community Center. He often spent time helping the "Young-Men-In-Motion" mentorship program, serving at the annual Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway, and contributing to the development of the community garden that provides free vegetables to residents. Kenny's dedication to serving others was a constant through his life.

Kenny leaves cherished memories behind to those who love him most and my sympathies are with his family.

RECOGNIZING SLADE BOND AND  
HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JU-  
DICIARY COMMITTEE**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Rep. DAVID CICILLINE, longtime Chair of the

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, to thank Slade Bond for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Slade came to the Committee after serving as legislative counsel to Representative Hank Johnson. Prior to that, Slade was a law clerk for the Center for Democracy and Technology. Slade received his B.A. from Mary Washington College, his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law, and his LL.M. from the George Washington University Law School.

Slade joined the Committee in March 2014, serving as Democratic Counsel and then Chief Democratic Counsel for the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial, and Antitrust Law. For the past 4 years, Slade has served as Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

Throughout his service on the Committee, Slade has provided Members and staff with strategic advice and leadership on a range of legal and policy issues related to competition, bankruptcy, arbitration, commercial contracts, and federal agencies. Slade also has acted as a generous mentor and advisor for junior colleagues on the Committee, setting an example as a superlative staff member.

During his tenure as Chief Counsel for the Antitrust Subcommittee, Slade applied his keen intellect, conscientiousness, and creativity to advance the priorities of the Subcommittee. Slade supervised staff and led Member preparation for over two dozen hearings and markups, including a 29-hour markup that resulted in Committee passage of a suite of six bills to restore competition online.

Notable among his many accomplishments is his leadership of a historic, 16-month, top-to-bottom investigation of competition in digital markets. Slade assembled a dedicated team of counsels, technologists, fellows, special assistants, and clerks to examine the dominance of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google in the digital economy. He coordinated and supervised the team's review of nearly 1.3 million documents; interviews with more than 240 market participants, former employees of the investigated platforms, and other individuals; and holding of 7 hearings with testimony from 38 witnesses, including a hearing with the CEOs of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google. In addition, Slade cowrote, and managed the drafting of, the culmination of this investigation: a 450-page report entitled "Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets: Majority Staff Report and Recommendations," which the Committee adopted in April 2021 and published in June 2022.

Slade has developed a well-earned reputation for his excellent work with Members and staff from both parties, in both the House and the Senate, to shepherd important bills into law. These bills include legislation to reduce the cost of antitrust enforcement to taxpayers by modernizing merger filing fees, to protect our national security by requiring merging parties to disclose subsidies from foreign economic adversaries, to preserve the resources of state antitrust enforcers by exempting state enforcement of the federal antitrust laws from private multidistrict litigation, and to prohibit the enforceability of predispute arbitration agreements and non-disclosure agreements related to sexual-assault or sexual-harassment disputes.

The Committee, and Congress, will greatly miss Slade, but we look forward to working with him in his new role as Deputy Assistant

Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legislative Affairs.

We thank Slade for his tireless work ethic, acute attention to detail, impeccable work product, and enthusiasm for the mission of the Committee to ensure economic justice for American consumers, workers, and small businesses.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
QUENTIN "Q" SOLDIER WIL-  
LIAMS**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, the City of Middletown and the State of Connecticut lost one of its brightest lights earlier this month with the tragic passing of State Representative Quentin "Q" Soldier Williams just hours after being sworn in for what would have been his third term as a State Representative representing Middletown in Connecticut's General Assembly. At only thirty-nine years old, Q was taken from us much too soon, and his loss reverberates throughout his community and our state.

When running for President, Barack Obama said, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." I cannot think of anyone who embodied that spirit more than Q.

Born and raised in Middletown, Connecticut Q loved his hometown. When he first returned after graduating from Bryant University, he worked in finance where he developed a sense of how that industry could positively impact communities as well as how important it was for young people to better understand how a strong financial footing would help them succeed. He left the finance industry to become the Executive Director of the Middletown's Downtown Business District where he focused his time and energies on advocating for local business owners and finding innovative ways to encourage increased activity and tourism downtown.

In tandem with these first professional steps, Q also began his journey into politics when he returned home from Bryant. Always seeking ways to make a difference and knowing influencing local government was key, Q joined the Middletown Young Democrats and the Middletown Democratic Town Committee. He was soon recruited to run for local office—first as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which he eventually chaired, then as City Treasurer, a position in which he served for two terms. One of Q's proudest moments was on the evening of his election to his first term as State Representative for the 100th District, where he would represent his beloved hometown.

Q was a proud product of the Middletown public school system, where as an adult he could often be found reading with elementary school students and mentoring those in middle and high school, but he also understood the challenges of urban classrooms and minority students. He found true professional fulfillment when he joined Excellence Community

Schools as their Director for Advocacy and Policy where he played an instrumental role in the launch of Stamford Charier School for Excellence. His passion for equality in education also led Q to co-found and serve as the co-director of EquityCT, a nonprofit dedicated to creating learning opportunities, building actionable understanding of equity, and dismantling systemic inequity through action and civic engagement.

In addition to his professional and political work, Q was also deeply involved in the community itself. He sat on the Board of Directors for numerous community organizations, like the Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater, the Middletown Substance Abuse Action Council, the Middlesex United Way, and the Middletown Racial Justice Coalition to name just a few. He also volunteered his time and energies to local charitable efforts like the Community Foundation of Middlesex County Live Local Give Local 365 Fund, the Middlesex Chamber of Congress Young Professional Alliance, and the Columbus House Chocolate to the Rescue event. He was an active member of the Cross Street AME Zion Church and, most recently, Q proudly crossed the line, becoming a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.—Beta Sigma Lambda Chapter.

Former First Lady Michele Obama once said, "People who are truly strong lift others up. People who are truly powerful bring others together." By those definitions, Q Williams was one of the strongest, most powerful people I have ever had the honor to know. Whether it was a student, local business owner, constituent, family member, friend, or new acquaintance, he sought to open doors of opportunity, to help in any way he could. He would always ask, "how can I help you?" He saw the potential in everyone and in everything, developing networks and connections that enabled him to connect the right people with each other so that potential could be realized. With every smile, every laugh, every action, and every word, he raised others up and brought people together. It was extraordinary to witness.

Q had the widest smile and the most gregarious laugh for which he will always be remembered. Though still so young, he touched countless lives and hearts through his commitment and love for his community. As someone recently so eloquently put, the Honorable Quentin "Q" Soldier Williams will forever be Middletown's favorite son. As we continue to grieve his loss, I extend my deepest condolences and heart-felt sympathies to his wife, Carrissa, and his mother, Queen. There are no words to ease their sorrow, but I hope they find some comfort in knowing just how deeply he will be missed and how greatly all those fortunate enough to have known him will strive to honor his memory.

HONORING WILL MITCHELL'S  
SERVICE AS LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Will Mitchell for 4 years and 2 Congresses as my Legislative Director.

Will has been a dedicated public servant and legislative staffer to the state of Minnesota for a decade now, previously serving for Congressman Rick Nolan for Will's own hometown district and Duluth, Minnesota.

His expertise on energy and environmental policy helped us enact the Local Water Protection Act during the 117th Congress. He has been instrumental in forming my office as a first-term Member to now a returning Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Not only that, Will has been a jack of all trades, working in areas of Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Tax, Financial Services and so many different policies.

I am grateful for Will's tireless advocacy for local communities in my district, spearheading our offices efforts to secure over \$40 million in funding for Community Projects. He helped navigate my legislative portfolio through the pandemic, but also constantly stay on top of the issues impacting working families in Minnesota's Second District.

It has also been a joy watching Will and Sacha's family grow—with 2 young boys, Cal and Charlie, joining us all during his time in my office.

I've appreciated Will's advice and counsel over the years and wish him the best in his new adventure off the Hill.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to physically record my vote on Ocasio-Cortez No. 73 amendment to H.R. 21. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 69.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CENTER FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Center for Transforming Lives.

Whereas in 1907, the Center for Transforming Lives, (formerly the YWCA of Tarrant County) was founded by Fort Worth women as the first YWCA to serve local low-income women. Early services included housing, employment support and social activities.

Whereas in the 1920s, the Center for Transforming Lives founded the local United Way, as well as the local chapters of USO and Red Cross.

Whereas in the 1950s, the Center for Transforming Lives expanded services throughout Fort Worth, as well as Arlington and Parker County.

Whereas in 2013, the Center for Transforming Lives underwent a strategic plan that indicated that further expansion was needed to disrupt the cycle of poverty for women and children. As such, an increase was made in families serviced by homeless services, early childhood education and economic mobility services were added.

Whereas in 2017, the Center for Transforming Lives became a safety net for more than 3,000 women and children in Tarrant County annually.

Whereas in the early 2020s, the Center for Transforming Lives doubled the number of children served annually.

Whereas in 2022, the Center for Transforming Lives is celebrating its 115th anniversary.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we recognize the important work of the Center for Transforming Lives in disrupting the cycle of poverty and moving women and children to a place of prosperity.

HONORING THE 33RD ANNUAL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

**HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 38th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and the cornerstone of the event, the 33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Each year, the members of the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated invite community members to gather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to celebrate and reflect upon his life and his legacy. The pinnacle of this event has become the Youth Oratorical Contest, which brings together students in grades 6 through 12 for a public speaking competition to honor and sustain Dr. King's spirit of optimism, public service, racial harmony, and human rights through the voices of youth.

Dr. King had a vision for what our United States of America should be and worked tirelessly towards making it a reality. Our country still faces obstacles that Dr. King fought to remove, and we must commit ourselves to realizing his vision: "the creation of the Beloved Community."

Dr. King's words continue to inspire our youth, who carry on his legacy and prepare to become the future leaders of our country. Participants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Contest pay tribute to Dr. King with their ability to communicate with passion and clarity, just as he did. This year, the competition challenged students to deliver speeches addressing the theme, "A View of the Promised Land"—inspired by Dr. King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech that he delivered on April 3, 1968—the night before he was assassinated.

Six Virginia students presented their reflections on Dr. King's legacy, and they eloquently demonstrated how his words empower them.

I congratulate the following finalists and commend them for their participation in the 33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest:

Sakshi Gowda—Reagan Middle School  
Kiomi Ninasau—Gainesville Middle School

Alyssa M. Godfrey—Benton Middle School  
Brooklynn Saunders—Gar-Field High School  
Myles Lanier—Manassas Park High School  
Shavonne Davis—Patriot High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of Dr. King's tireless commitment to equality and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2023 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest. Let us learn from our young people and consider how we might honor Dr. King's legacy by seeking justice in our own communities.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTORING EQUAL AND ACCOUNTABLE LEGISLATORS IN THE HOUSE ACT

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Restoring Equal and Accountable Legislators in the House (REAL House) Act. This legislation would expand the number of members of the U.S. House of Representatives to restore the chamber's direct link to the public and foster greater diversity among Representatives and the Electoral College.

Members of the House of Representatives are their constituent's most direct connection to the federal government and its resources and services. The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of the proactive and local constituent services unique to House members. However, the number of constituents living in a single congressional district has dramatically increased since the number of House members was arbitrarily capped in 1929. Current district sizes threaten the direct constituent connection on which the House was founded. Simply, congressional districts are too large.

Today, there are 435 voting members of the House of Representatives, a cap from when the U.S. population was only 122 million people. With the current U.S. population of 328 million people and the same number of representatives, the size of congressional districts has nearly tripled. The average congressional district now includes 800,000 constituents.

If Congress fails to act, by 2050 each member of Congress is on track to represent more than 1 million people.

This growing imbalance makes it more difficult for members to be responsive to the will of the people, and voters are more likely to sit out elections when their voice and input are not fully represented in government.

The artificial cap also has a more insidious effect: an unrepresentative Electoral College. In the Electoral College system, each state gets a certain number of electors based on its total number of representatives in Congress. As the disparity between the largest and smallest states widens, the votes of those in larger states matter less and less.

The REAL House Act will help our government better reflect our districts and constituent needs. To restore the House's direct link to the public and to foster greater diversity among Members and the Electoral College, we must increase the number of Representatives.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to enact this legislation and finally overcome the arbitrary cap of 435 voting members of this chamber.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF DALLAS, TEXAS

#### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the All Saints Catholic School of Dallas, Texas, for receiving its third Blue Ribbon award. All Saints Catholic is only one of 5 private schools in the great state of Texas to receive this prestigious award. We continue to extend our earnest congratulations to the students, educators, and families of All Saints Catholic.

Since 1982, the Department of Education has annually bestowed the Blue Ribbon Award to select public and private schools who have displayed outstanding academic progress and achievement. All Saints Catholic was one of the highest-performing schools in Texas and nationwide. Of the nearly 10,000 Blue Ribbons awarded over the past 4 decades, only 170 schools have had the honor of receiving 3 Blue Ribbons, putting All Saints Catholic in the top 1 percent of Blue Ribbon recipients.

All Saints Catholic's historic performances showcases the enduring work of its students, teachers, and staff to create a safe and welcoming school environment that focuses on success. I'm proud to represent such talented minds and I wish them the best of luck in their school year.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the hard-earned academic accomplishments of All Saints Catholic and their efforts to prepare our youth for success.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS POPULATION STABILIZATION ACT

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2023*

Mr. SABLÁN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Northern Mariana Islands Population Stabilization Act. The bill is intended to bolster our nation's strategic interests in the Western Pacific by maintaining the population and prosperity of the Marianas, the district I represent.

The Marianas is part of the chain of U.S. and U.S.-affiliated islands that faces Chinese expansion in the region. Through the Marianas, the U.S. controls an ocean area of 289,000 square miles, greater than the size of Texas.

Yet, the U.S. presence here is at risk. According to the 2020 decennial census the population of the Marianas declined by 12.2 percent since the 2010 census. This is the second largest decline among all states and non-state areas of our Nation over that 10-year period.

This population erosion—and the loss of economic viability that results—occurs against the backdrop of increased competition with China in the Western Pacific, a time when the United States needs to be strengthening our

position in the region, not shrinking in significance.

There are many reasons why people are leaving the Marianas. There are better public services and greater economic opportunity in the mainland United States. The anxiety stemming from the repeated and hyper-destructive typhoons associated with accelerating climate change also factors in the decision to leave. I refer Members to the article "People are fleeing Puerto Rico, Guam and every other U.S. territory. What gives?" in the Washington Post edition of September 23, 2022, for a discussion of population loss in all the U.S. insular areas. The article, "Perfect Storm. When is it time to abandon a place to climate change?" in Harpers Magazine's October 2022 edition tracks the decision of one family in the Marianas to leave their home to escape the impacts of climate change.

Population decline, whether in the islands or in rural areas of the continental United States, creates a negative feedback loop. Reduced tax revenues limit the ability of local governments to improve services. And the reduced consumer base and labor pool throttle business. You can see this affect in the drop in Gross Domestic Product in the Marianas. GDP fell 11.2 percent in 2019, the most recent available data, a decline that would have been even more severe but for the COVID-related relief that Congress provided.

The Northern Mariana Islands Population Stabilization Act builds on several laws enacted during the Trump administration and on previous action by the House.

In the 116th Congress, we passed this same legislation by voice vote without dissent. It allows certain long-term foreign workers and investors already lawfully present in the islands to apply for permanent status in the Marianas-only. Previously, President Trump had approved USPL 115-218, defining these long-term workers, and signed USPL 116-24, creating the Marianas-only resident status.

The Marianas-only resident status that President Trump sanctioned provides no eligibility for public assistance. It bars entry into any other part of the United States except for purpose of transit through Guam to a non-U.S. destination. The status President Trump approved is revocable in case of communicable disease, criminal conviction, or terrorist activity.

Making this Marianas-only status available simply encourages continued residence and employment by people already lawfully present and gainfully employed; and doing so would help to stabilize the population in our islands.

After the House approved the legislation I have introduced today in the 116th Congress, the Senate took no action. In the intervening years, the population eligible for Marianas-only status—which by definition cannot increase—has shrunk from 2,600 to 1,600, underscoring the continuing flight and the urgent need for us to act.

In this time of heightened concern about spending, I do want to remind the House that the Congressional Budget Office determined in 2019 this legislation has negligible effect on direct spending. That assessment must remain the same in 2023, as the number of affected individuals has only declined.

I ask all Members to support this simple, straightforward response to the problem of population loss in the Marianas. It is not a

total solution, but acknowledgement a problem exists and must be addressed.

I ask, too, that Members see the Northern Mariana Islands Population Stabilization Act as an important component of our larger national response to the continuing Chinese expansion occurring throughout the Pacific.

# RECOGNIZING ARYA HARIHARAN AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 30, 2023

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Arya Hariharan for her service to the House Judiciary Committee and to honor her unwavering commitment to a vision of America that is safer, freer, and more just.

Arya's early career prepared her well for her time on the Committee. She attended American University, where she played Division I varsity women's soccer and received a Presidential Merit Scholarship. She also graduated from the William & Mary School of Law, where she was the executive editor of the Environmental Law & Policy Review and the founding editor of the Business Law Review. After passing the bar, she worked for several nonprofit organizations dedicated to education and economic mobility, access to the justice system, and environmental preservation.

Arya came to Capitol Hill in 2015 and served as Representative HANK JOHNSON's Legislative Director and Senior Legislative Counsel. In that role, she managed Mr. JOHNSON's policy agenda and prepared him for his work on the House Judiciary, House Armed Services, and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. In those early years on the Hill, she also began to develop a reputation as a fiercely loyal friend and counsel—protecting her coworkers and her Member from any threat, willing to take on any challenge in service of the larger cause.

In 2017, as we settled in for what would be a years-long fight with an Administration that would challenge the Congress on a daily basis, the Democratic staff of the House Judiciary Committee had an opportunity to bring in some help. There was really only one choice. Arya joined us that year as Democratic Oversight Counsel—and perhaps it was only then that the battle was well and truly joined.

In her position as Oversight Counsel and, later, as Chief Oversight Counsel, Arya oversaw our response to a rogue and often lawless Presidency, crafting our reaction to each new instance of abuse, obstruction, and public corruption. She helped to hold a sitting Attorney General in contempt of Congress. She was instrumental in the first and second impeachments of President Donald J. Trump. Throughout those long, difficult years, Arya could almost always be found in the heart of the fight, managing the staff, preparing the Members for battle, and holding us all to the highest possible standards. Arya never, ever enters our hearing room unprepared.

Arya's competence and confidence have been key assets to the Committee. Her oversight team has helped to prepare the ground for hearings on almost every topic we cover. She has worked on domestic and foreign sur-

veillance, domestic terrorism, sexual violence, gun violence, hate crimes, and cybersecurity, just to name a few of the many subjects she has handled in her time with us. She has helped to prepare nearly every sensitive witness to appear before the Committee in the past 5 years. Her ability to tell a story through a congressional hearing is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, if you had only seen Arya locked in argument with an uncooperative witness or firmly correcting a staffer from across the aisle for some breach of protocol, you might be forgiven for thinking that Arya has an edge. And, make no mistake, she is one of the toughest people to sit in the counsel's chair in the two-century history of our Committee. But what you might miss, if you only saw her in the heat of battle, is a person deeply respected by the Members of this body and beloved by her friends and colleagues. There is no one I would rather have by my side in a fight than Arya Hariharan.

Arya is leaving us for the Senate Judiciary Committee, where she will advance their oversight agenda. We thank Arya for her tireless service to the House Judiciary Committee, and we advise Senator DURBIN to keep the candy drawer well stocked for the late nights ahead.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

### FEBRUARY 1

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on trade and horticulture.

SR-328A

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

### FEBRUARY 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the Department of the Energy's implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Bradley N. Garcia, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Daniel J. Calabretta, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Tiffany M. Cartwright, and Jamal N. Whitehead, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, and Natasha C. Merle, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Jessica G. L. Clarke, and Dale E. Ho, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Matthew L. Garcia, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Margaret R. Guzman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Lindsay C. Jenkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Kenly Kiya Kato, and Hernan D. Vera, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Araceli Martinez-Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Gina R. Mendez-Miro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Adrienne C. Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Ana C. Reyes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Jamar K. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Rosemarie Hidalgo, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, and Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of

Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney  
General, both of the Department of  
Justice.

FEBRUARY 9

SH-216 10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
sources  
To hold hearings to examine the state of  
the U.S. Territories.

SD-366